WHY...

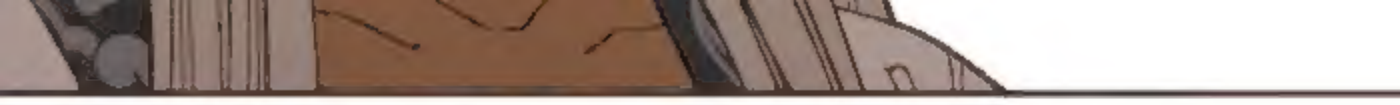
...IS IT IN THAT HUMAN'S BODY...?

IT MAY BE BUT A SMALL PIECE...
...BUT WHAT YOUNG SWALLOWED IS ALSO PART OF THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON'S ORB.

IT IS INSIDE A HUMAN'S

STOMACH...
HISSSS
...AND EVEN IF THE MAIN ORB ITSELF IS STABLE, THAT SMALL SHARD COULD BE VOLATILE AND DANGEROUS.
EVEN IF ONLY TO KEEP LORD MUNROK'S ORB WHOLE...
...PLEASE, TAKE YOUNG OUT OF HERE.

THERE IS NO REASON...
PANT
PANT
...TO TAKE A PRECIOUS LIFE.



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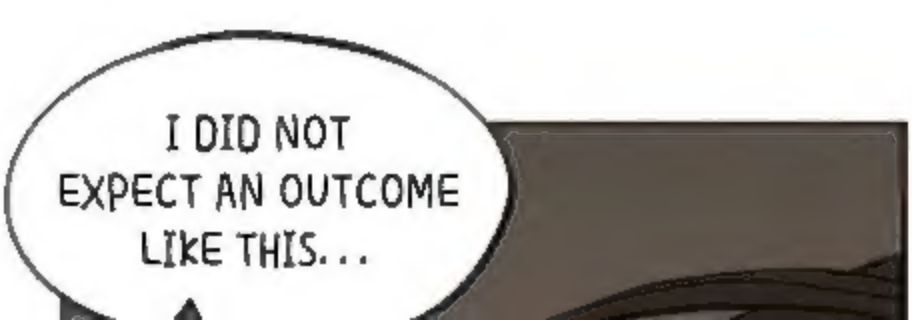
COUGH...

HAAH

HAAH
HAAH
HAAH

ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?
AS YOU WISHED, THE HUMAN ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE...

...BUT WE WILL SUFFER HERE FOR ETERNITY...
PANT
PANT
...NEITHER DEAD NOR ALIVE.


I DID NOT EXPECT AN OUTCOME LIKE THIS...

...
IT IS TRULY TERRIBLE.
COUGH

SO...
...THAT'S WHY YOU RECONCILED WITH YEONGNO.

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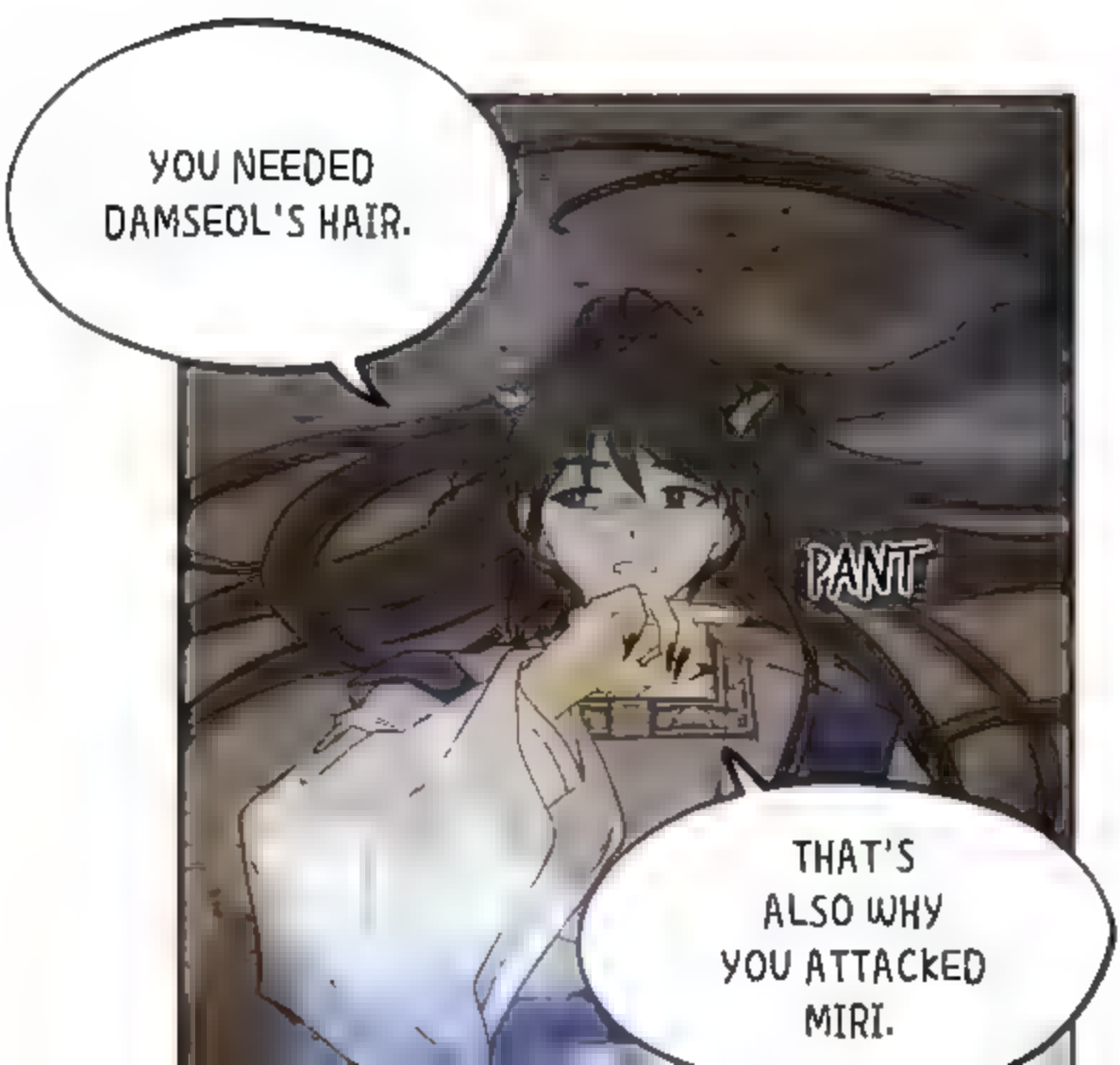

YOU NEEDED DAMSEOL'S HAIR.
PANT
THAT'S ALSO WHY YOU ATTACKED MIRI.

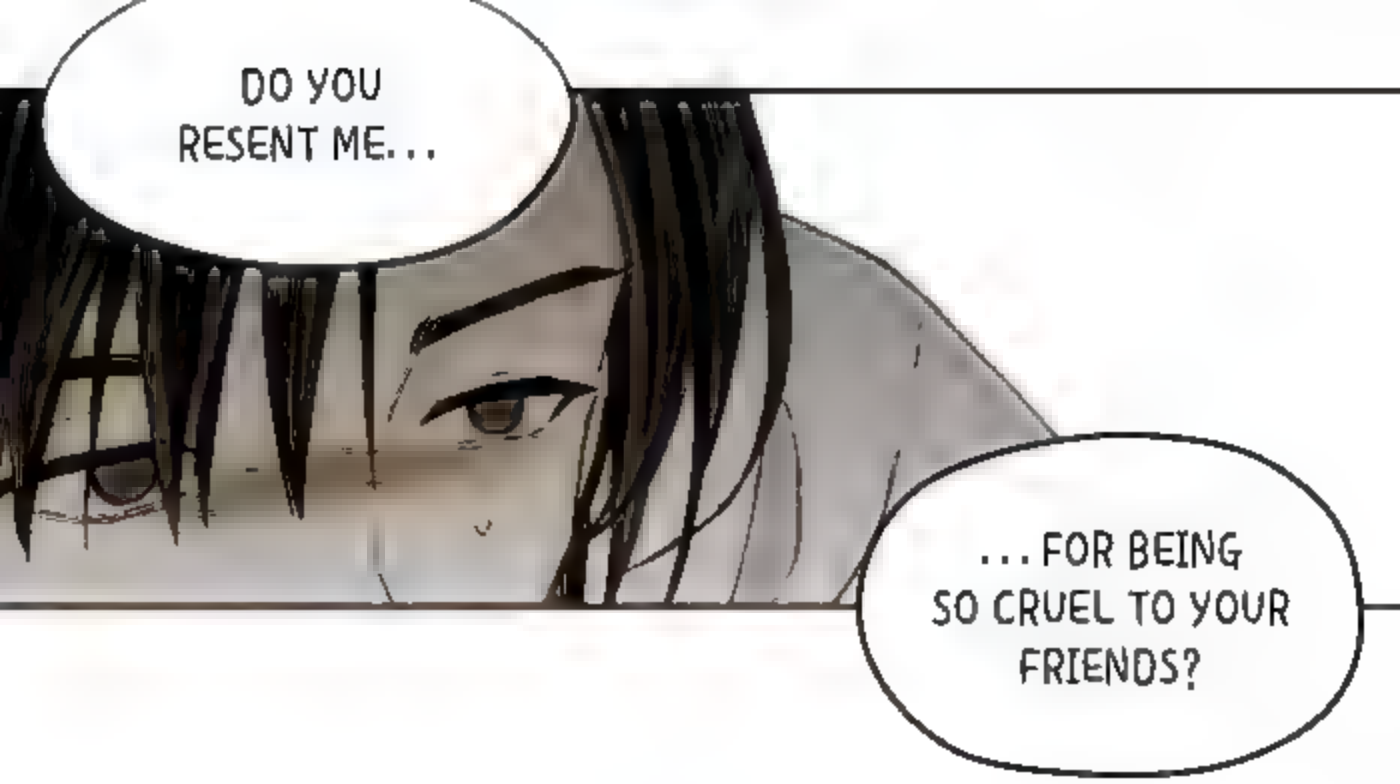
DAMSEOL ONLY HAS A SOFT SPOT FOR YOU.

THAT'S WHY

...I TRIED AND FAILED TO TAKE IT FROM THE OTHERS...

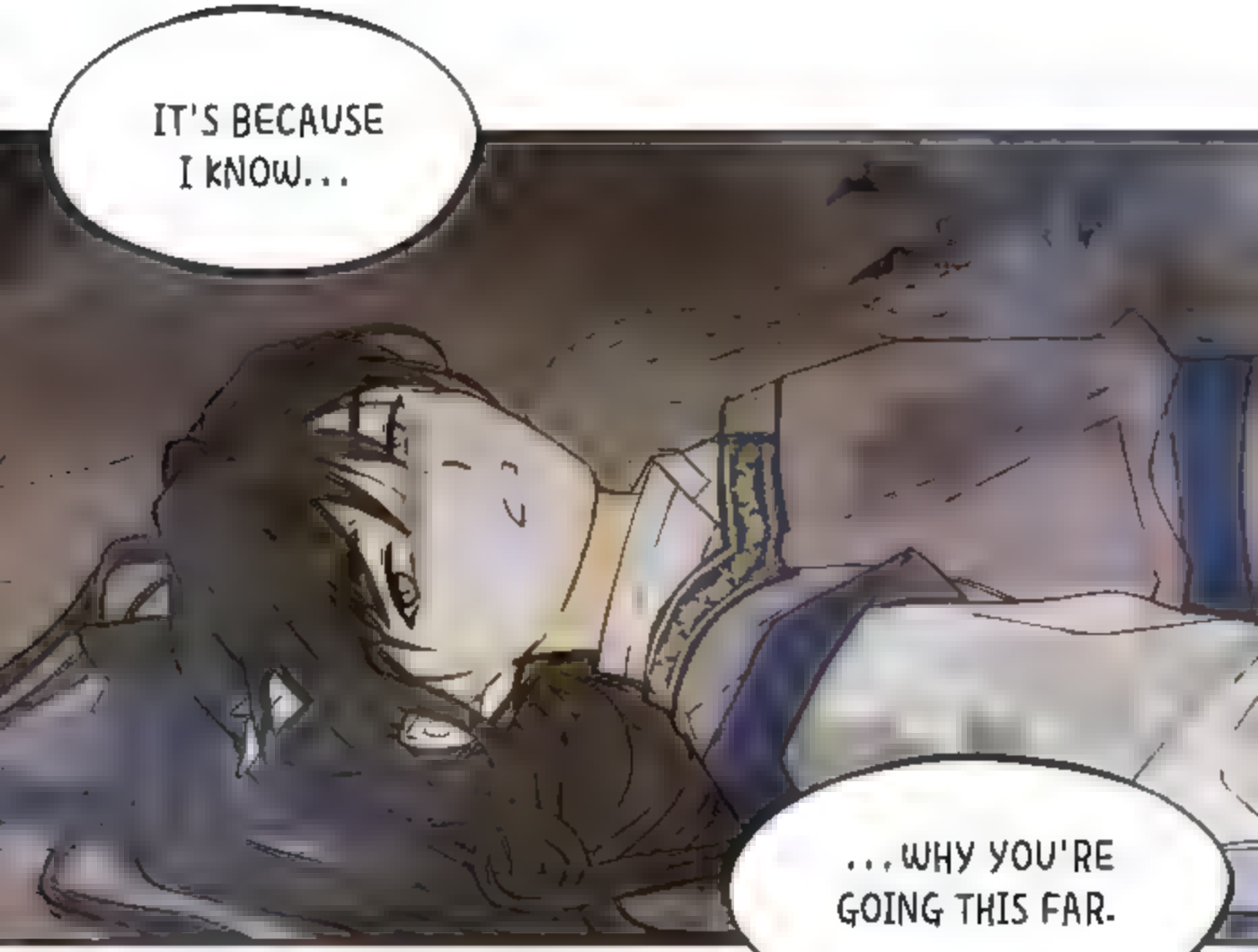
...AND THOUGHT I COULD TAKE IT FROM YOU.

I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS GONE BECAUSE YOU HAD ALREADY USED IT.
YOU TRULY BESTED ME.
HAH

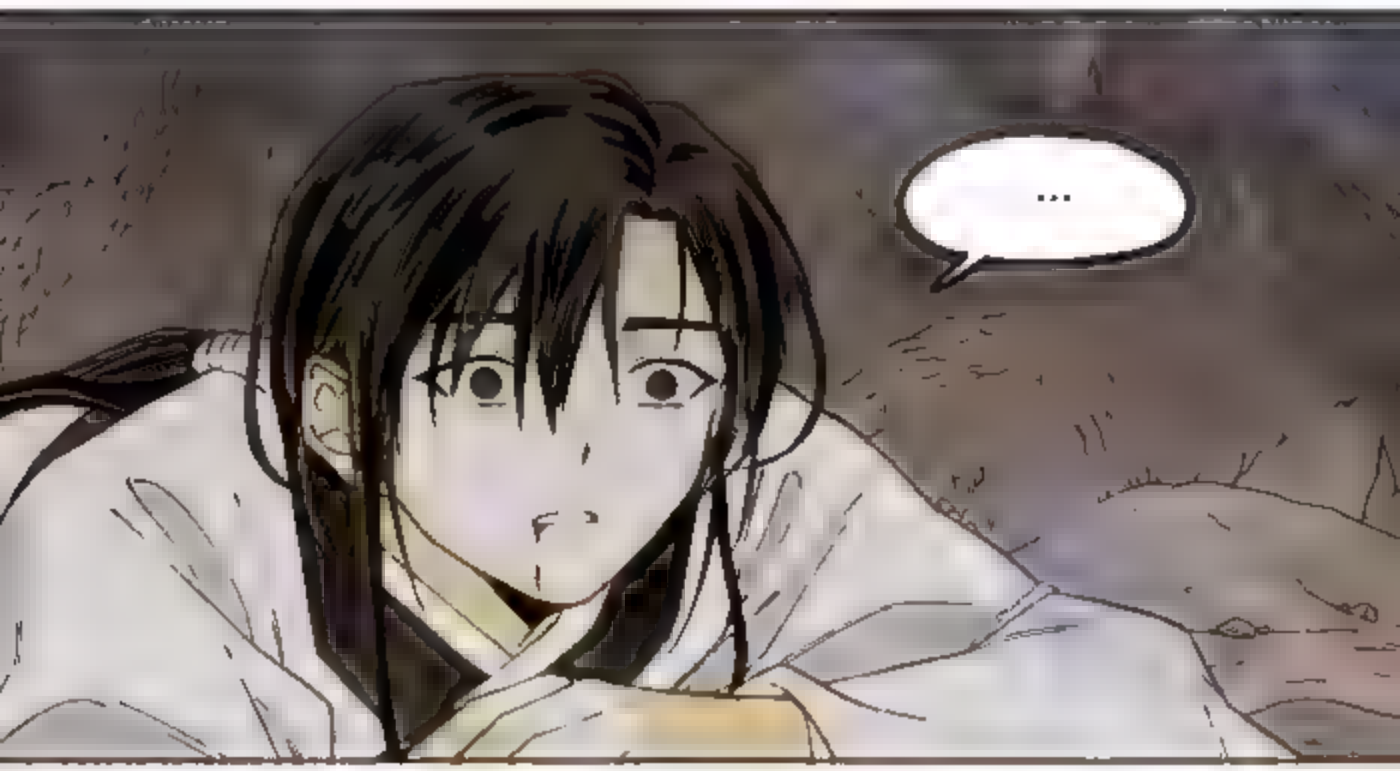

DO YOU RESENT ME...
...FOR BEING SO CRUEL TO YOUR FRIENDS?

NO.
PFFT
WHAT

DO I HAVE TO DO FOR YOU TO HATE ME?



I, TOO,
AM NO STRANGER...
...TO THE GRIEF OF LOSING A BELOVED HUMAN.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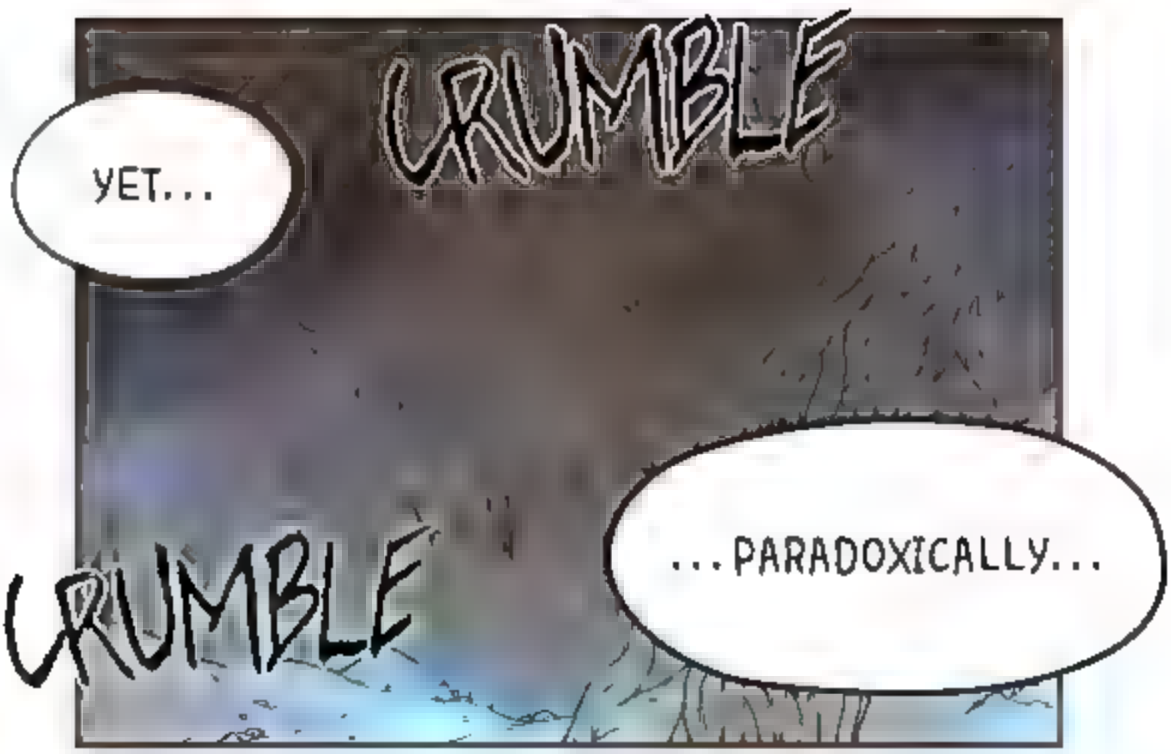
CHEONRYONG DID ALL THAT WORK FOR NOTHING.
THERE ARE SO MANY OTHERS WHO MADE THE SAME MISTAKE AS ME...

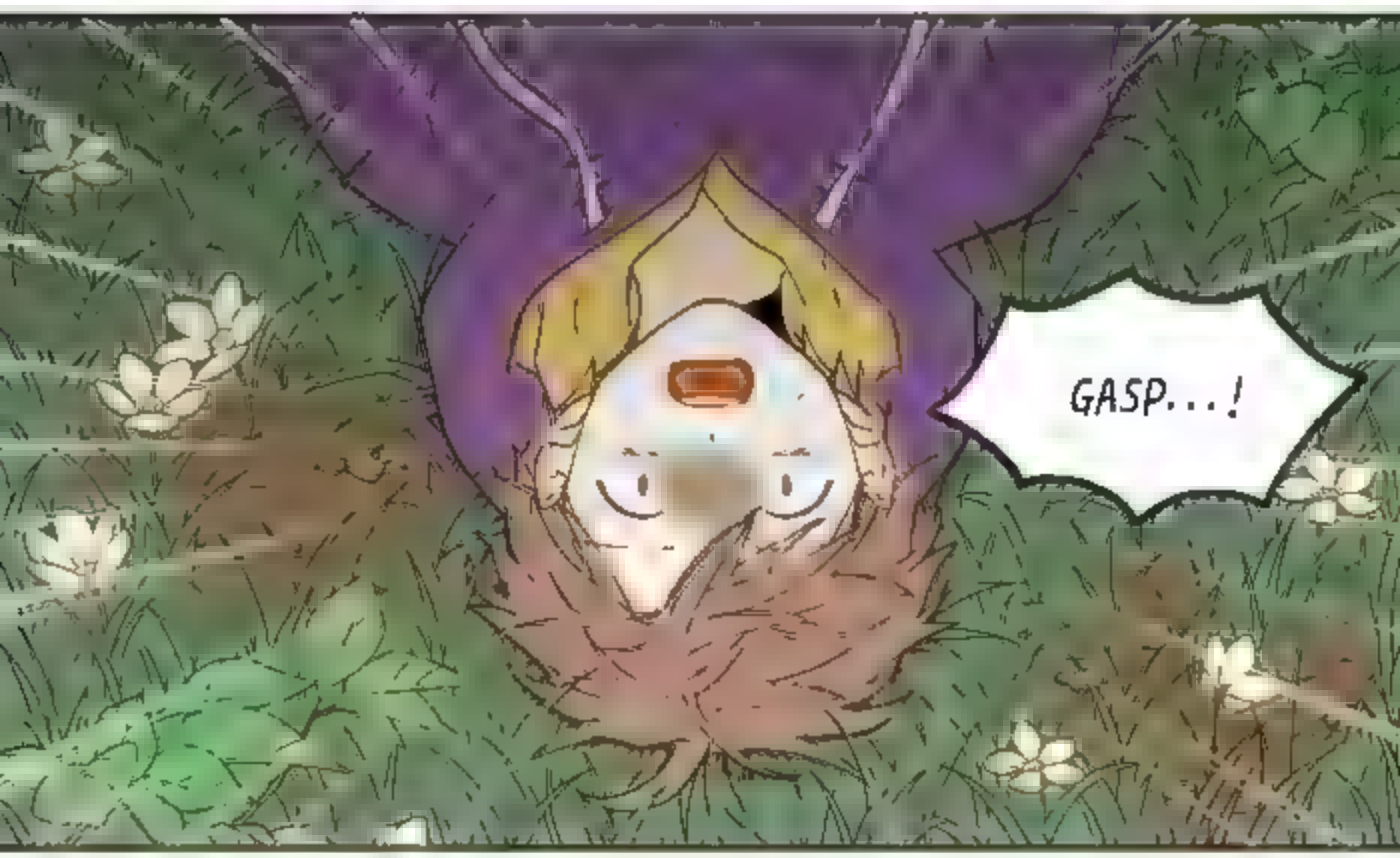


...THAT...

FWOOOOSH
. . . COMFORTS ME.

...
MM...

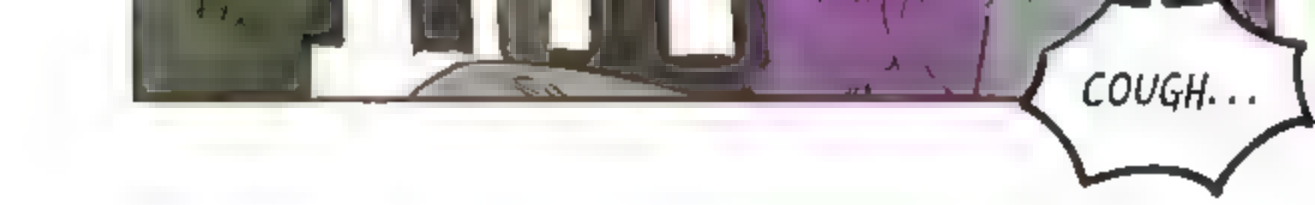
MMMPH...



HMM...

HE MUST HAVE REGAINED HIS BREATH.
COUGH!
COUGH!

GOOD WORK. YOU MAY GO BACK NOW.
BOW
ACK...


COUGH...

YOU, TOO.
IF YOU ARE AWAKE, GO BACK DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.
SCUTTLE
SCUTTLE

BARI...
WHERE'S BARI?
TURN
WHERE IS HE...?

LETTING YOU LEAVE...
...IS A GREAT ACT OF MERCY ON MY PART.
GO BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND.

IF YOU AREN'T GOING TO HELP ME...
...AT LEAST TELL ME WHERE HE IS!
HE'S STILL THERE, RIGHT?

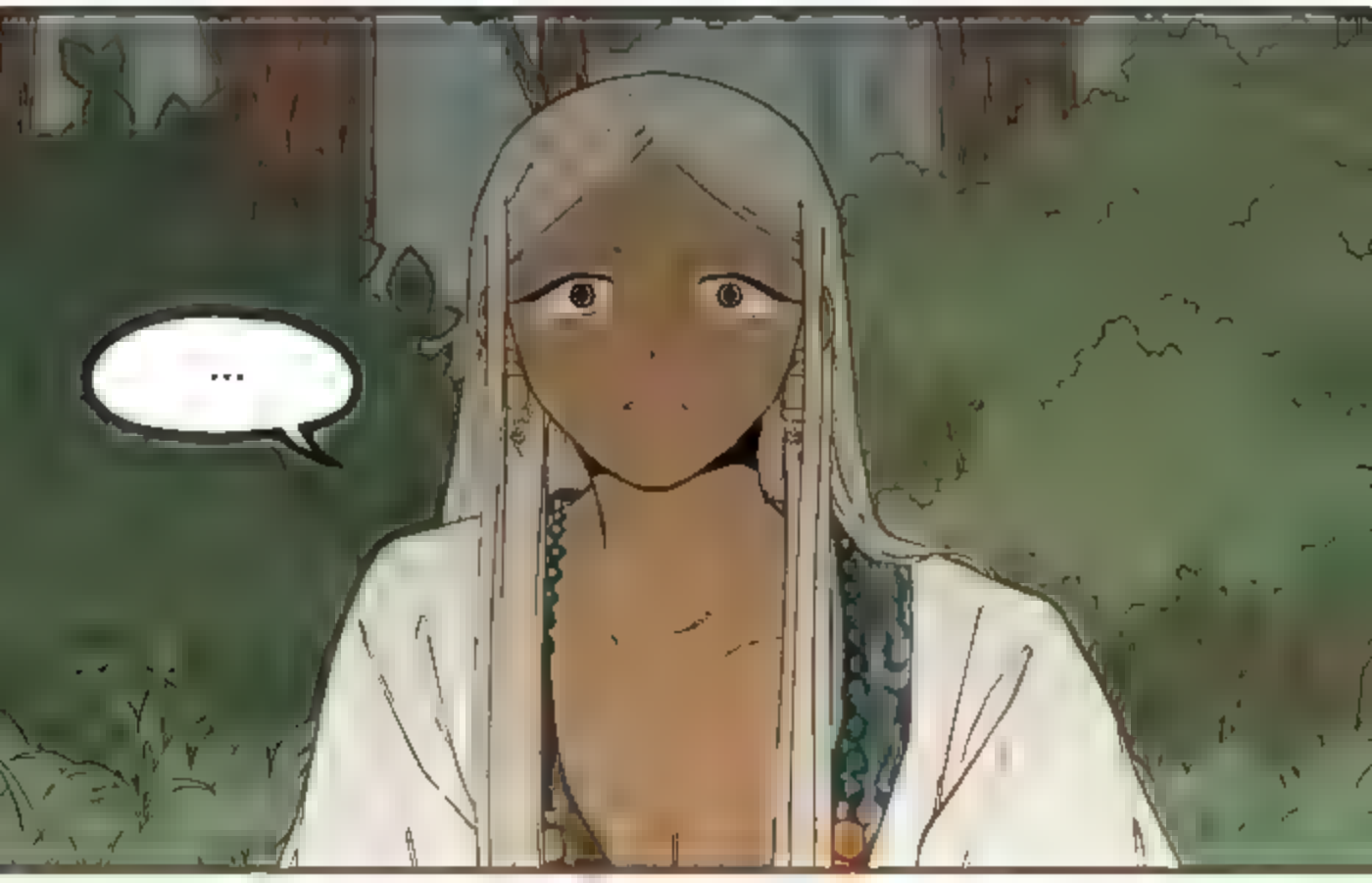
I BARELY GOT YOU OUT OF A PLACE WHERE YOU COULD HARDLY BREATHE,
AND NOW YOU WANT TO GO BACK?
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOUR HEAD?

...
THE EXAM ISN'T OVER YET.

IS THAT SILLY LITTLE EXAM MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR LIFE?
WHAT COULD A MERE MORTAL DO TO HELP AMID THAT MAYHEM?

ALL YOU ARE IS A MOTH THROWING ITSELF INTO A FLAME.

BUT I CAN'T JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH!
HE'S DYING...



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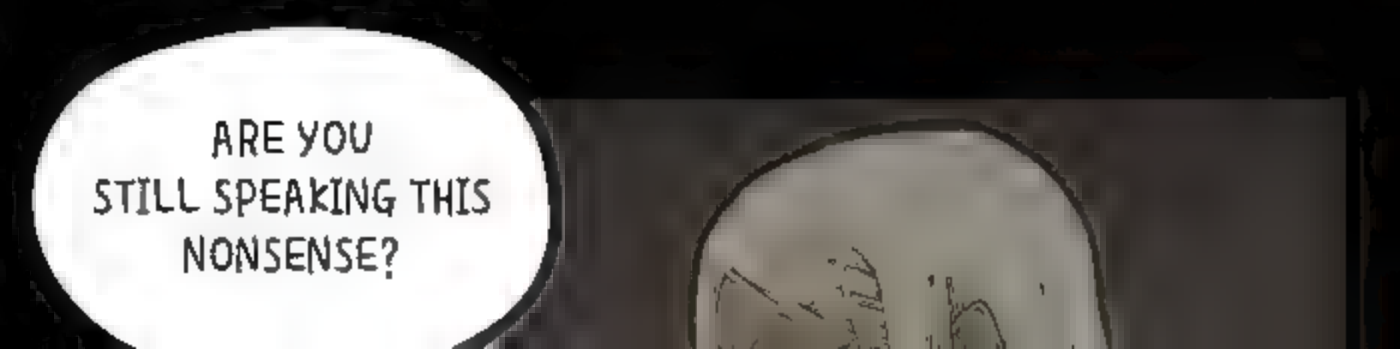
ARE YOU BEING SERIOUS?
YOU ARE ALREADY TOO LATE.
STOP THIS

USELESS BEHAVIOR AND FOCUS ON YOUR OWN WELLBEING.



MUNROK WAS BORN A SNAKE AND BECAME A DRAGON!
UPSET
HE DOES NOT SHARE A DROP OF BLOOD WITH YOU!
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT...?
WHAT?

I ASKED IF THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG...
...WITH CARING ABOUT SOMEONE WITH WHOM YOU SHARE NO BLOOD.

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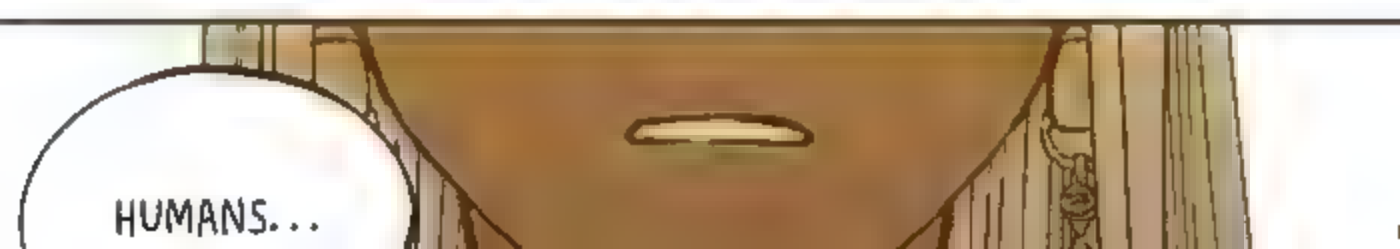

HUMANS...

MUMBLE
HOW FOOLISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM ARE...

ONE SPITS IT OUT, ONE SWALLOWS IT...
EXCUSE ME?
TURN
THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE THE ABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE AFTERMATH...

SPIT WHAT OUT...?
WHO DID?
STEP
STEP
FOLLOW ME.

THE RIVER?
WHY ARE

WE HERE...?

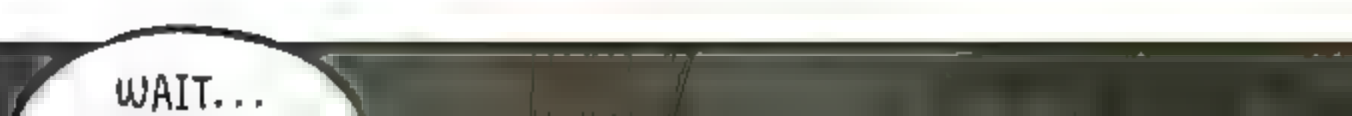
WEREN'T YOU TAKING ME TO BARI?
HE'S IN THE MOUNTAIN!
STEP
THIS WAY.

PARDON?
WHAT...

WHAT IS THAT?
STONES MARKING A GRAVE...?

THIS PLACE IS WHERE MUNROK AND I WOULD OCCASIONALLY DRINK TOGETHER.

SINCE THE RIVER BECAME POLLUTED, I'M SURE HIS FUNERAL WAS UNSATISFACTORY.
I SHOULD SEE HIM OFF PROPERLY, EVEN IF IT'S FOOLISH.
POUR


WAIT...

THIS IS HIS GRAVE?
THEN WHAT ABOUT THOSE OTHER GRAVESTONES?

HERE.

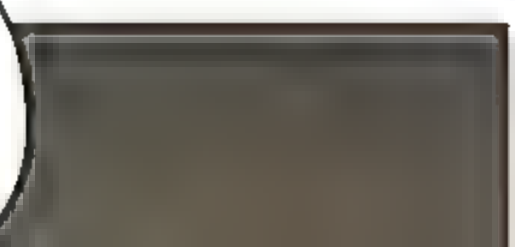
PASS

YOU SHOULD POUR HIM A DRINK AS WELL.

...

AS FOR THOSE GRAVESTONES...

THE SMALL ONE IS THE ONE I PLACED WHEN BURYING THAT HUMAN...



...AND THE LARGER ONE WAS PLACED BY MUNROK LONG AGO,

BEFORE HE EVEN BECAME A DRAGON.

THAT GRAVESTONE...

...WAS PLACED BY THE NAKDONG RIVER DRAGON?

RIVER DRAGON!
FOR WHO...?

NO...
I MUST RESEMBLE THAT BOY.

A HUMAN.
THE ANCESTOR OF THAT LITTLE BOY.

I FOUND THAT HUMAN AND GAVE HIM TO MUNROK MYSELF.

I SHOULD HAVE NEVER DONE...

...SOMETHING SO FOOLISH...

AT THE BOTTOM OF IT ALL...

...I...
...KILLED MUNROK.